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In re Application of:  
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§ Group Art Unit: 2813  
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For: METHOD OF FORMING SELF  
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§ December 21, 2001  
§ Date  
§ Kevin L. Daifer

AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/ Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2001 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter recited therein. Please replace claims 1, 5, 7, 11-13, 17, and 19-20 with the amended claims below. A "marked-up" version of each amendment is included in Attachment A.

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